

## **REMARKS**

The status of the application is as follows: all of the pending claims (claims 21-26) have been allowed. The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed on September 12, 2007. The issue fee has not yet been paid. In this after allowance amendment, allowed claims 21 and 23 have been cancelled. These claims have been cancelled solely for the purpose of placing all method claims in one patent and moving the other classes of statutory subject matter to another patent. Once this amendment is entered, applicants will file a continuation application that includes the allowed non-method claims.

This amendment does not touch the merits of the present application nor does it change the scope of the claims. Further, the amendment is not being submitted for the purpose of providing means to continue the prosecution of the current application. In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment should be entered. It is clear from the MPEP 714.16 that the examiner is empowered to enter amendments filed under CFR 1.312 for the sole purpose of cancelling allowed claims from the application. If it is determined that the amendment will not be entered, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite the resolution of any outstanding issues in connection with the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

Respectfully submitted,

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